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Applicant : Chung Nan Chang  
Filed : September 5, 2000  
Title : SECURE CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY EX-  
CHANGE AND VERIFIABLE DIGITAL  
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TC/A.U. : 2131  
Examiner : Shin-Hon Chen

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Transmitted herewith is a full and complete response to an Office Action dated March 8, 2004, Paper No. 4.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, and submits a check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the small entity fee for a one (1) month extension. If any additional extension of time is required to make this response timely, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

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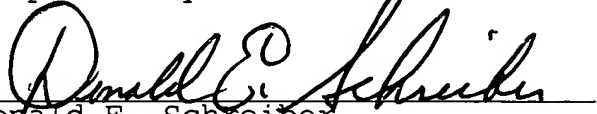
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AMENDMENTS

There are no Amendments to the Specification.

There are no Amendments to the Claims.

There are no Amendments to the Drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this Response.